[Mr. K. M. Kesavan.]

(*a*) whether they have ever considered the necessity of putting up a bridge at Aroor on the Alleppey-Cochin road in view of its considerable commercial importance ; and

(*b*) if so what will be the cost of constructing a bridge there ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 2 lakhs, as per the latest estimate.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: With reference to the answer given, may I know when will the bridge be put up ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I cannot say for certain.

President: The honourable member will raise his voice.

Manufacture of cement.

15. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have finished their investigations with regard to the manufacture of cement in Travancore ;

(*b*) if so, whether the results are favourable ; and

(*c*) if favourable, do the Government propose to start a cement factory ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The investigations are still in progress.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Import of kerosene and petrol into Travancore.

16. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government of Travancore are having direct import of kerosene and petrol into Travancore ;

(*b*) what is the rate of import duty leviable on a gallon of petrol and kerosene in Travancore ; and

(*c*) what is the total quantity of petrol and kerosene consumed in the State per annum ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No duty is leviable on kerosene and petrol imported from British India and Cochin State into Travancore. The British

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Indian rate of import duty on kerosene is three annas and nine pies and that on petrol is twelve annas per imperial gallon.

(*c*)

	1114.	*1115.*
	Gallons.	Gallons.
Petrol ...	12,98,450.	12,09,338
Kerosene ...	37,79,435	29,18,825.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to part (*b*) of the answer may I know what are the restrictions for not levying the duty?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Apart from the usual restrictions implied in the commercial treaty with British India no other restrictions exist. That is, no duty is leviable on kerosene and petrol which have been already levied to duty in British India.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of our share from the yield of customs collected in the Cochin harbour, may I know whether the duty on petrol and kerosene realised in the Cochin harbour is included in the amount to be distributed?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: I know only the share we get, and do not know how the share is calculated and arrived at.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know why there was a perceptible fall in the import of kerosene in 1115 compared with 1114?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: It may mean that kerosene oil was displaced by some other lighting oil, or other substitutes.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: Has the Pallivasal Scheme anything to do in the matter of reducing the import of kerosene?

President: The Scheme is not yet fully made use of.

Registration Certificate.

17. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the Registration Certificate issued in form No. 34 Registration Department there is a note (*a*) to the effect that the department is not responsible for the mistakes or omissions in the information supplied in the certificate; and

(*b*) whether the parties are put to much loss and hardship for want of a certification that the particulars entered in the certificate are guaranteed to be correct?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, so far as Government are aware.

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